

What is claimed is:

1. A pet mat comprising:
 - a) an upper surface bounded by a raised peripheral edge, and
 - b) a plurality of raised bumps arranged on said upper surface in an irregular, asymmetric pattern.
2. A pet mat in accordance with claim 1, wherein said plurality of bumps are spaced such that a bowl placed on said upper surface is restrained by said bumps in a plurality of non-dedicated locations.
3. A pet mat in accordance with claim 1, wherein said raised peripheral edge has an irregular shape.
4. A pet mat in accordance with claim 3, wherein said raised peripheral edge has a shape that, when viewed from the top of the pet mat, is partially curved and partially straight.
5. A pet mat in accordance with claim 1, wherein said plurality of bumps further comprises a series of bumps spaced from the raised peripheral edge to prevent a bowl placed on said upper surface from moving toward said raised peripheral edge.
6. A pet mat in accordance with claim 1, wherein said pet mat is made from a non-stick, tacky material.
7. A pet mat in accordance with claim 6, wherein said tacky material is natural rubber.
8. A pet mat in accordance with claim 1, wherein said upper surface further comprises a decorative image and wherein said raised peripheral edge has a shape that is similar to a portion, but not the entirety, of said decorative image.
9. A pet mat in accordance with claim 8, wherein said decorative image further comprises a pair of paw prints.
10. A pet mat in accordance with claim 9, wherein each paw print is defined by a plurality of oval digits, each digit having a pair of raised bumps.

11. A pet mat in accordance with claim 9, wherein each paw print further comprises a circular palm portion adapted to form a location guide for a pet bowl.
12. A pet mat in accordance with claim 1, further comprising at least one bowl placement locator formed on said upper surface.
13. A pet mat in accordance with claim 12, wherein said at least one bowl placement locator is part of an ornamental design embossed or imprinted on said upper surface.
14. A pet mat formed from a non-stick, tacky material comprising:
 - a) an upper surface bounded by a raised peripheral edge, and
 - b) a plurality of raised bumps arranged on said upper surface in an irregular, asymmetric pattern,
 - c) wherein said plurality of bumps are spaced such that a bowl placed on said upper surface is restrained by said bumps in a plurality of non-dedicated locations, and
 - d) wherein said raised peripheral edge has an irregular shape.
15. A pet mat in accordance with claim 14, wherein said peripheral edge has a shape that, when viewed from the top of the pet mat, is partially curved and partially straight.
16. A pet mat in accordance with claim 14, wherein said plurality of bumps further comprises a series of bumps spaced from the raised peripheral edge to prevent a bowl placed on said upper surface from moving toward said raised peripheral edge.
17. A pet mat in accordance with claim 14, wherein said tacky material is natural rubber.
18. A pet mat in accordance with claim 14, wherein said upper surface further comprises a decorative image and wherein said raised peripheral edge has a shape that is similar to a portion, but not the entirety, of said decorative image.
19. A pet mat in accordance with claim 18, wherein said decorative image further comprises a pair of paw prints, each paw print being defined by a plurality of oval digits and a circular palm portion that is adapted to form a location guide for a pet bowl.